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Haya Friedman gained her Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem at the Faculty of Agriculture, Israel (1988) and trained as Post-Doctoral fellow at Yale University, USA (1989-1995). Since 1995 she is a research scientist in the field of Postharvest Science, using molecular tools to understand ripening and senescence processes under stress. Her expertise lies in the field of fruit handling and storage. She is working on banana, apples, pear, apricot, peaches, cherry and persimmon and developed protocols for handling of these fruits to improve fruit quality. Her developments are based on molecular understanding of processes related to ripening and to stress encountered during storage.